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1. Yugoslavia and the satellites appear to be renewing their attempts to trade with one another. [redacted] Yugoslavia through the intermediary of one [redacted] citizen of Hungarian origin, for a deal involving Yugoslav sulphur pyrites in return for heating oil. [redacted] The quantity of pyrites concerned is not known, but Intrac is offering, in exchange, 8,000 tons of heating oil, of unknown origin. The pyrites are required to be delivered to Bratislava.
2. The Yugoslav authorities [redacted] have also approached the firm [redacted] with a request that it obtain for them 25,000 tons of table salt, which Yugoslavia urgently needs. It was suggested that Rumania, which, the Yugoslavs believed, had a surplus of this commodity, would be able to supply it. The Rumanian Commercial Attache [redacted] was able to confirm this belief, and stated that Rumania was able to export 7,000 tons of table salt per month. Negotiations on this transaction are hanging fire for the time being, in view of the shipping difficulties involved in Rumanian ships' visiting Yugoslavia, and Yugoslav ships' visiting Black Sea ports. No decision has yet been reached on how to overcome this particular problem.

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